

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for creating a task identifier for identifying a file within a system for providing help content to a computer operator, the method comprising:

providing a user with a limited set of word selections that can be assigned to represent a first of a plurality of elements that together form the task identifier, the task identifier being indicative of a help-related task described in the content of the file;

providing access to a collection of taxonomic organization data, wherein the taxonomic organization data relates each word selection in the limited set to a taxonomic category, and wherein the taxonomic category for each word selection is not apparent in the word selection itself;

arranging the plurality of elements in accordance with a predetermined order of linguistic structural components;

receiving a selection from the user that is indicative of a particular word selection from the limited set of word selections; and

assigning said word selection to represent the first of the plurality of elements automatically determining, based at least in part on a reference to the taxonomic organization data, a particular taxonomic category that corresponds to the particular word selection;

automatically assigning the particular taxonomic category to the file; and  
enabling a user to sort the file based on the particular word selection or based on the particular taxonomic category, wherein the result of a sort based on the particular taxonomic category is not the same as the result of a sort based on the particular word selection.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

providing the user with a second limited set of word selections that can be assigned to represent a second of the plurality of elements; receiving a second selection from the user that is indicative of a word selection from the second limited set of word selections; and assigning said word selection from the second limited set of word selections to represent the second of the plurality of elements.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein providing a user with a limited set of word selections that can be assigned to represent a first of a plurality of elements comprises providing a user with a limited set of word selections that can be assigned to represent an object element.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein providing a user with a limited set of word selections that can be assigned to represent a first of a plurality of elements comprises providing a user with a limited set of word selections that can be assigned to represent an action element.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising a step of assigning said file to more than one taxonomic category based on the selection received from the user.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of elements are arranged in accordance with a predetermined structure of organizational elements.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A task identifier used to indicate a content of a file within a computer-implemented system for providing help content to a user, wherein the task identifier includes an action element delineated as being affiliated with more than one taxonomic category,

said action element being selected by a user from a limited set of action choices, wherein the delineation of the multiple taxonomic categories is automatically accomplished in response to the selection by the user of the action element, the multiple taxonomic categories being pre-assigned to the action element.

10. (Original) The task identifier of claim 9, further comprising at least one object element selected from a limited set of object choices.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Original) The task identifier of claim 9, wherein the task identifier further comprises a plurality of elements arranged in accordance with a predetermined structure.

15. (Previously Presented) The task identifier of claim 9, wherein the task identifier further comprises a plurality of elements arranged in accordance with a predetermined order of linguistic structural components, more specifically in accordance with a predetermined order of categories of parts of speech.

16. (Previously Presented) A computer-implemented method for at least semi-automatically applying a taxonomic classification to a file to be incorporated into a system for providing help content to a user, the method comprising:

assigning a first taxonomic category to a first word selection from a set of word selections;

providing a user with the set of word selections that can be assigned to represent an element of a task identifier, the task identifier indicative of a help-related task described in the content of the file;

receiving a selection from the user that is indicative of the first word selection from the set of word selections, the first word selection having a meaning that is indicative of the help-related task;

assigning the first taxonomic category to the file based on the selection received from the user;

assigning a second taxonomic category to a first word selection from a set of word selections; and

assigning the second taxonomic category to the file based on the selection received from the user.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein assigning a first taxonomic category to a first word selection from a set of word selections further comprises assigning a first taxonomic category to a first word selection from a limited set of word selections.

19. (Previously Presented) A computer-implemented method for sorting a plurality of help files within a system for providing help content, the method comprising:

assigning a task identifier to each of the plurality of help files, wherein each task identifier includes an element selected from a limited vocabulary; and

sorting the plurality of help files based at least in part on a taxonomic category assigned to said element.

20. (Cancelled)

21 (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of elements are arranged in accordance with a predetermined order of linguistic structural components.